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The six Government career women who will receive the fifth annual Federal Woman's Award were named today by Mrs. Katie Louchheim, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Woman's Award. The women whom an independent panel of judges has selected for this top honor represent high achievement in the fields of archives management, international relations, intelligence research, international economics, mathematical sciences, and medical research. They were chosen for their outstanding contributions to the quality and efficiency of the career service of the Federal Government, for their influence on major Government programs, and for personal qualities of leadership, judgment, integrity, and dedication.

The recipients of the Award are:

Miss Ann Z. Caracristi, National Security Agency; Senior Intelligence Research Analyst, Chief of Office; Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Dr. Elizabeth B. Drewry, General Services Administration; Director, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, National Archives and Records Service; Hyde Park, New York.

Mrs. Dorothy Morrow Gilford, Department of the Navy; Director, Mathematical Sciences Division, Office of Naval Research; Washington, D. C.

Miss Carol C. Laise, Department of State; Deputy Director, Office of South Asian Affairs; Washington, D. C.

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Dr. Sarah E. Stewart, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Head, Human Virus Studies Section, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service; Bethesda, Md.

Dr. Penelope Hartland Thunberg, Central Intelligence Agency; Deputy Chief, International Division, Office of Research and Reports; Washington, D. C.

Citations and biographical data on the Award winners are given below.

The Federal Woman's Award was established in 1960 and the first Awards were given in February 1961. It is the only award program created exclusively for the purpose of honoring career women in the Federal Government. In announcing the winners for 1965, Mrs. Louchheim, who is Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Community Advisory Services, said:

"As opportunities open up for women in more and more professional occupations, these Awards become increasingly valuable--and the achievements of each year's winners become increasingly impressive--as proof that women can excel in any field of endeavor. We are proud that the Federal Government has led the way in providing opportunity for women to show what they can do, particularly in the higher levels of the career service. With strict adherence in future to President Johnson's policy of absolute equality of opportunity, more and more talented young women will be able to achieve successful careers in Government."

The judges who made the final selections for the 1965 Awards were: William S. White, journalist, who is chairman of the panel; Marion B. Folsom, Director of Eastman Kodak Company; Mary Pillsbury Lord (Mrs. Oswald B. Lord), former U. S. Representative to the United Nations; Anne Gary Pannell, President of Sweet Briar College; and Caskie Stinnett, an Editor of Holiday.

The winners will receive the awards at a banquet in their honor on March 2 at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C.

Citations and Biographical Data on Award Winners

Miss Ann Z. Caracristi, for her exceptional competence in professional management of research and analysis in the fields of mathematics and languages as applied to cryptology. Miss Caracristi was born in Bronxville, N. Y. She received her BA degree from Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y., in 1942, and began her Government career the same year as a research analyst with the Army Security Agency. During World War II she was one of a select group of cryptanalysts who made significant contributions to the national defense effort. In 1952 she transferred to the National Security Agency as a senior cryptologist. Since then she has progressed steadily to her present position as Chief of a major NSA element of nearly a thousand people, with sweeping technical and operational responsibilities. Although the classified nature of her work limits the range of her recognition, she is well known within U. S. intelligence circles and among the professional and scientific personnel and organizations which support the Agency's operations. She

has been responsible for the development and direction of multi-million-dollar research programs, which have resulted in the production of intelligence of vital importance to the United States. An early pioneer in the application of mechanical techniques to replace traditional manual processes, she has been instrumental in the development of specialized equipment and she is frequently consulted for her skill and experience in the arts of computery and automation. In the field of management and administration, she has been active in the technical and professional development of her subordinates. Miss Caracristi lives in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Elizabeth B. Drewry, for her outstanding scholarly and administrative achievements in the field of historical archives and records management. Dr. Drewry is a native of Washington, D. C., and received her BA and MA degrees from George Washington University. After obtaining her PhD degree in history from Cornell University in 1933, she became head of the history department of Penn Hall Junior College in Chambersburg, Pa. She joined the National Archives Establishment in 1936 as reference supervisor, and progressed through increasingly responsible archival work in American history and war records. From 1950 to 1961 she headed the Government's drive to get all Federal records under Congressionally approved retention and disposal regulations, a task requiring comprehensive knowledge of archival values and involving extensive dealings with Federal agency officials. During this time she also advised the Thomas A. Edison Foundation on the organization and maintenance of the Edison papers. As one of the country's foremost archivists, she was appointed Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library in 1961, and is responsible for all phases of the Library's operations. In this position she has notably increased the Library's manuscript and other holdings and advanced each of its major professional programs, and she has gained the high regard of the Roosevelt family, the Library staff, and all who have had occasion to do business with the institution. She has worked closely with the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation in carrying out the wishes of both the former President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and in obtaining support for construction of the Eleanor Roosevelt addition to the Library. Dr. Drewry lives in Hyde Park, New York.

Mrs. Dorothy Morrow Gilford, for her outstanding technical and management contributions to the Navy basic research program and her pioneering extension of mathematical techniques to a variety of scientific programs. Mrs. Gilford was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, and is a graduate of the University of Washington, where she received her BS and MS degrees in mathematics in 1940 and 1942. She did graduate work in statistics at Bryn Mawr College and Columbia University, and was Assistant Professor of Statistics at George Washington University (Washington, D. C.), before joining the Civil Aeronautics Administration in 1948 as Chief of the Biometrics Branch. From 1951 to 1955 she served with the Federal Trade Commission in financial statistics, and was appointed Head of the Logistics and Mathematical Statistics Branch of the Office of Naval Research in 1955. In that position she initiated new research programs that resulted in major contributions to the Polaris Program and to electronic equipment reliability throughout the Navy. Since 1962 she has been one of the six Division Directors in ONR (the only woman) who among them cover all fields of science. She is directly responsible for an

18-million-dollar contract research program in some dozen countries, which involves at least in part every major discipline of science, and which ranges from the purest mathematics to the generation of operational military specifications. In her unique role of identifying and making recommendations on what are primarily military logistics problems and goals, she has earned the professional respect and recognition of senior military personnel, university presidents and deans, and the international scientific community. Mrs. Gilford is married to Leon Gilford and lives in Washington, D. C.

Miss Carol C. Laise, for her brilliant performance and achievements in diplomacy and in advancing United States foreign policy objectives through international organizations. A native of Winchester, Va., Miss Laise is a graduate of American University where she received her BA degree in 1938 and did two years' graduate work in political science. She began her Government career in 1940 as a Junior Professional Assistant in the Civil Service Commission, and in 1945 went to the London office of UNRRA as Assistant Personnel Director. She joined the Department of State in 1948 as an International Organizations Officer in the Office of United Nations Affairs, where she served at various times as adviser to United States delegations to the U.N., WHO, and UNESCO, and also served with special success as U. S. Representative on the UNESCO Budget Committee. In 1956, as a Foreign Service Officer, she was assigned to the American Embassy at New Delhi and became Deputy to the Counselor for Political Affairs. She quickly developed a wide range of friendships with representative Indians, both official and non-official, affording opportunity for effective presentation of this Government's point of view. After attending the Foreign Service Institute's Senior Seminar in Foreign Policy in 1961, she was advanced to Deputy Director of the Office of South Asian Affairs. Shortly thereafter, at the request of the American Ambassador, she was detailed back to New Delhi in connection with the crisis caused by the Chinese attack on India, because of her extensive knowledge of the Indian people and her superior diplomatic talent. Since her return from this assignment she has served on Foreign Service Selection Boards in addition to her regular duties. Miss Laise lives in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Stewart, for her extraordinary accomplishments and discoveries in virology which have changed the course of cancer virus research. Dr. Stewart was born in Tecalitlan, Mexico, and at age 5 moved to the United States with her Mexican mother and American father, a mining engineer. She graduated from New Mexico State University in 1927 and went on to earn her MS degree from Massachusetts State University and her PhD from the University of Chicago, both in bacteriology. Between 1930 and 1936 she taught at Colorado Agricultural College and also attended the University of Colorado Medical School, and in 1936 she joined the staff of the National Institutes of Health as a bacteriologist. From 1944 to 1947 she taught medical bacteriology at Georgetown University while attending Georgetown University Medical School. Enrolling full time when the Medical School was made co-educational in 1947, she became the Medical School's first woman graduate, receiving her MD degree in 1949. She interned at the Staten Island Public Health Service Hospital, and after two years of research at the Baltimore PHS Hospital, returned to the National Institutes of Health to do research in the National Cancer Institute. A commissioned officer in the Public Health Service, with the rank of Major, she is currently Head of the Human

Virus Studies Section of the Laboratory of Viral Carcinogenesis. Among her outstanding contributions are unique discoveries relating to the capability of certain virus strains to jump species barriers and produce cancers in other than their natural hosts. Her work has received world-wide recognition and she has been invited to speak at numerous conferences both in this country and abroad. She is author or co-author of some 50 published papers. Dr. Stewart lives in Bethesda, Md.

Dr. Penelope Hartland Thunberg, for her impressive contributions to the production of economic intelligence providing a basis for policy decisions of the United States Government. Dr. Thunberg was born in Stoneham, Mass. She received her BA degree in economics from Brown University in 1940, and her MA and PhD degrees, in economics and international trade, from Radcliffe College. She taught at Wells College, Mount Holyoke College, and Brown University, and also served (1951 to 1953) as the sole international economist on the staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisers. She joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1954 as an economic research analyst on Soviet Bloc international economic activities, and advanced steadily to her present position, which she has held since 1962. As Deputy Chief of the International Division, she directs a large group of experienced economists responsible for preparation of major research reports on all economic aspects of Sino-Soviet Bloc international activities. She is a recognized authority in this field, and her achievements have been and are of great significance to the mission of CIA and to national security. In addition, her research and writing while serving with the President's Council of Economic Advisers, and writing she has done independently, have earned her a national reputation in the field of international economics. In 1963 she was granted a leave of absence from CIA at the request of the Council of Economic Advisers to serve as the Council's representative in interagency international economic programs; she returned to CIA in 1964. Dr. Thunberg is married to Howard E. Thunberg, Department of the Interior, and lives in Washington, D. C.

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